

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
5:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Late Arrival 5:35p.m.), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Absent), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson (Excused), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Arrived at 5:33p.m.)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator and Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilman Yeargin

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. LEGISLATION:

- None

4. MEETING TOPICS:

- 4.1.1. Council Mail - Councilman Porter stated that it was concerned regarding mail being distributed to the City Council. He recommended that the mail be given to the City Clerk and Council President be notified before being disseminating to the Council and ensure an immediate response when necessary. Councilwoman Gatling stated that if this is in reference to the mail on the legislation items. She was under the impression that the Council had received a copy because she never receives any mail that the Council isn't copied upon. If that is the concern she apologized because she thought it was placed in their mailboxes.

- 4.1.2. Police Department
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she has just received a copy of the suit filing from Mr. Ashton last night. She requested Mr. Ashton to provide the City Council for their review. She stated that she has not reviewed the document.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that the City Attorney is waiting for the Council decision regarding the subject matter.
- The City Attorney stated that he would compare the Seat Pleasant Police Department General Orders to other municipality.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she has reviewed the general orders of the Prince George's County Police Officers. She stated that their orders state that Prince George's Police Officers are not allowed to work in an establishment that serves alcohol. She feels that it would be too stringent to state they are not allowed to work in an establishment that serves alcohol because you have restaurants that serve alcohol.
- Councilman Porter wanted to know what if the Public Safety Committee has made any decision on this matter. Councilman Raynor stated that they have a meeting schedule for Friday, March 18, 2011. He can invite the Chief and have the discussion with him regarding the matter.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that the Council can give some recommendations to the Public Safety committee to discuss with the Chief.
- Councilman Porter stated that he feels that Sussman should research and provide us with the information.
- Mayor Grant stated that when the Police Department was established in 1992 the city adopted the regulations in accordance to the County. He stated that he has had a conversation with the Chief on the matter and he differs with the Chief. He stated that the City Administrator and Chief need to enforce the matter that police officer should have insurance to cover their secondary employment.
- The City Council has recommended the following suggestions to the Public Safety Committee to discuss with Chief on Friday, March 18, 2011.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that if the Police Officer that are working secondary employment do not have insurance they need to temporarily suspend the secondary employment until insurance is obtained. She said this is her recommendation, but she is only one vote.
- Mayor Grant stated that it is his understanding that the Seat Pleasant Police Department is the only officer working at this club.

- Councilwoman Gatling stated that the County would not allow their officer to work at the establishment. She was approached twice and it was stated that the when there is an incident at any of the establishment the Seat Pleasant Police Officer are the only ones working and do not have crowd control.
- The City Council agreed to prepare the letter to Mr. Ashton, Acting City Administrator stating that secondary employment is suspended for forty-five (45) days and until the officers can provide proof of insurance for the secondary employment, and verification of the secondary employment.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1.1. Feggans Center Development

- Mayor Grant stated that the report is expected on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 providing the cost to renovate the existing structure and if the structure is sound. The cost to tear down and build on the same location.
- Councilman Porter recommended that the discussion be tabled until the report is received.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she feel we should table with a certain date and when the reports are received to provide them to the City Clerk. The City Clerk should pin the Council stating the reports are received and request a date for a special meeting.
- Mayor Grant stated that he would e-mail the report to me upon receipt for an electronic copy.

5.1.2. Economic Development Contract and position description

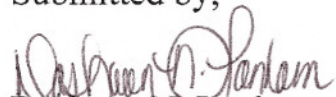
- Mr. Ashton apologized to Councilwoman Simms for his misunderstanding regarding the submission on the Economic Development position description.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she doesn't feel we need to review the contract as it is our basic contract with the change in the scope of services.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that she asked Mr. Ashton to speak on this matter because she was waiting on Mr. Ashton to provide her with a copy of the information.
- Councilwoman Gatling recommended that the City prepares an RFP for the Economic Development position.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. 24th District Night, Monday, March 21, 2011, Lowe House Building, Annapolis, MD at 5:30p.m.

ADJOURN- The meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk

APPROVED 04/11/11